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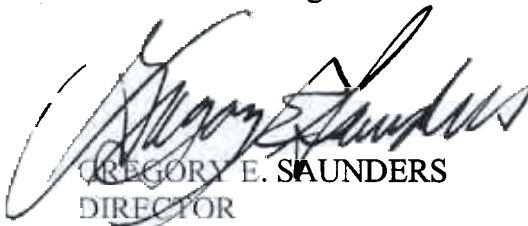
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENTAL STANDARDIZATION OFFICES

SUBJECT: Qualification and Aviation Critical Safety Items (CSIs)

Public Law 108-136 and DFARS Subpart 209.270 require that all suppliers requesting qualification for aviation critical safety items must be approved by the assigned design control activity (DCA) before their parts can be qualified. For the most part this clause will apply to drawings and program unique specifications; however, some Defense Standardization Program specifications may be affected. We are in the process of developing policy to cover this situation. In the meantime, please refer to the current DFARS guidance.


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